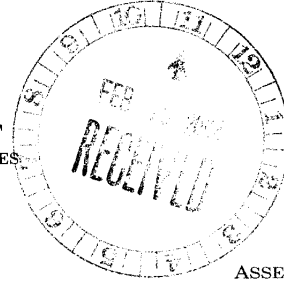


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RE: Finance Docket No. 34054
Morristown and Erie Railway, Inc. - Modified Certificate
Petition of Five New Jersey Municipalities to Reopen


Dear Mr. Williams:

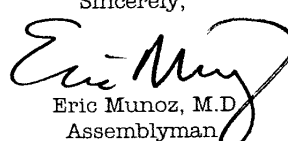
We respectfully request the Surface Transportation Board reopen their July 5, 2002 decision granting a Modified Rail Certificate to Morristown and Erie Railway, Inc. to operate freight service along the Rahway Valley and Staten Island Railway.


Five municipalities, Kenilworth, Roselle, Roselle Park, Springfield and Summit have approved resolutions against the reactivation and we fully support their opposition. We believe that there are serious consequences as a result of the pending reactivation that has not been adequately addressed. Because of the close proximity to residential homes, schools, highways and pedestrian traffic, the pending reactivation poses a dangerous threat to the lives of many of the residents from these communities.

Because of the severity of the problems that may arise in the future, we strongly urge, without reservation, that these proceedings are reopened as requested by the five municipalities as well as in the interest of the citizens of our State. Should you have any questions regarding this matter, do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,


Thomas H. Kean Jr.
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cc: Governing Bodies of: Cranford Township,
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